

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, it is possible to let a wind stream pass smoothly through the space S ~~toward backward~~ backwardly relative to the vehicle body VB, which decreases the disturbance of wind stream caused by the outer mirror assembly, resulting in reduction in noise experienced in a cabin caused by wind noise.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The mirror housing 20 is attached to the base 11 in the following manner: making the flange portion 24b contact the bottom of the base 11 while the wire harness 24c is inserted into a hole 11e drilled into the base 11 of the extension 10b; inserting screws 11g into holes 11f and 24d; and tightening these screws 11g. In this connection, the wire harness 24c, which is routed from the inside of the extension 10b into the inside of a pillar P through a threaded shaft (not shown), is electrically connected to [[that]] a wire harness (not shown) of the vehicle body VB. In this way, retraction or restoring of the mirror housing 20 to the operating position and adjustment of the mirror 23b can be controlled by a control unit (not shown), which is disposed around a driver seat.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG.8 is a perspective view showing the left side of a vehicle body to which the outer mirror assembly according to the first embodiment is attached, as viewed from a driver seat. The outer mirror assembly is attached to the mounting base Z and the backward image (not shown) is reflected by the mirror 23b. In front of the side window SW, a side observable area represented by a symbol AR in FIG.8 can be provided. In this way, a driver (not shown) is able

to ~~have view for the side of vehicle body~~ see a side portion proximity to the vehicle body through the side observable area AR even if the triangle corner portion C located at the forward end of the side window SW is blocked by the outer mirror assembly. The outer mirror assembly of the first embodiment can avoid a dead angle zone for the side of a vehicle body, which has been created by a conventional outer mirror assembly in conjunction with a pillar and a triangle corner portion. This results in an increase in the visibility for the side of the vehicle. The backward portion 10a1 of the mounting plate 10a has a slope so that the side observable area AR can be increased.